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1 1. A system for playing a wagering game,
2 comprising:
3 a wireless gaming device comprising an
4 identification code, entry apparatus for entering wagering
5 information by a player, and a transmitter;
6 a receiver for receiving the identification code and
7 the wagering information transmitted by the transmitter of
8 the wireless gaming device, the receiver polling the
9 wireless gaming device to determine whether the player has
10 entered wagering information to be transmitted to the
11 receiver.

1 2. The system of claim 1 wherein the receiver
2 periodically polls the wireless gaming device.

1 3. The system of claim 1 wherein the wagering
2 information relates to a wager request.

1 4. The system of claim 1 wherein the wagering
2 information includes a command.

1 5. The system of claim 1 wherein the wagering
2 information includes data.

1 6. The system of claim 1 wherein the wagering
2 information comprises a string of characters.

1 7. The system of claim 6 wherein the characters
2 are hexadecimal digits.

1 8. The system of claim 1 wherein the wireless
2 gaming device is a hand-held device.

1 9. The system of claim 1 wherein the entry
2 apparatus comprises keys.

1 10. The system of claim 1 wherein the entry
2 apparatus comprises a smart card reader.

1 11. The system of claim 1 wherein the wireless
2 gaming device further comprises a wager amount register.

1 12. The system of claim 1 wherein the wireless
2 gaming device further comprises an account balance register.

1 13. The system of claim 1 wherein the wireless
2 gaming device further comprises a liquid crystal display.

1 14. The system of claim 1 wherein the wireless
2 gaming device further comprises a bicolor light emitting
3 diode to indicate separately that the wagering information
4 has been entered by the player and that the wagering
5 information has been transmitted by the transmitter.

1 15. The system of claim 1 wherein the transmission
2 is by radio frequency signals.

1 16. The system of claim 1 wherein the transmission
2 is by infrared signals.

1 17. The system of claim 1 further comprising
2 a processor in communication with the receiver for
3 processing the wagering information transmitted by the
4 wireless gaming device based on the identification code.

1 18. The system of claim 17 wherein the processor
2 further comprises a database for storing an account of the
3 player.

1 19. The system of claim 1 wherein the wireless
2 gaming device further comprises an electronically
3 programmable read only memory for storing an identifier
4 corresponding to the identification code.

1 20. The system of claim 1 further comprising an
2 encryption key to encrypt the identification code and the
3 wagering information prior to transmission and to decrypt
4 the identification code and the wagering information after
5 being received by the receiver.

1 21. A method of playing a wagering game using a
2 wireless gaming device, comprising:
3 providing the wireless gaming device comprising an
4 identification code, entry apparatus for entering wagering
5 information by a player, and a transmitter;
6 entering the wagering information into the entry
7 apparatus;
8 polling the wireless gaming device to determine
9 whether the player has entered wagering information to be
10 transmitted by the transmitter; and
11 transmitting the identification code and the
12 wagering information.

1 22. The method of claim 21 wherein the wireless
2 gaming device is polled periodically.

1 23. The method of claim 21 further comprising
2 displaying the wagering information on the wireless
3 gaming device.

1 24. The method of claim 21 wherein the
2 identification code and the wagering information are
3 transmitted by radio frequency signals.

1 25. The method of claim 21 wherein the
2 identification code and the wagering information are
3 transmitted by infrared signals.

1 26. The method of claim 21 further comprising
2 processing the wagering information transmitted by
3 the wireless gaming device based on the identification code.

1 27. The method of claim 21 further comprising
2 encrypting the identification code and the wagering
3 information prior to transmission.

1 28. A wireless gaming device for transmitting
2 wagering information to a receiver, comprising:
3 a memory for storing an identification code;
4 entry apparatus for entering the wagering
5 information;
6 a transmitter for converting the identification code
7 and the wagering information into a signal for wireless
8 transmission to the receiver, the transmitter transmitting
9 the signal when the receiver polls the wireless gaming
10 device to determine that the wagering information has been
11 entered.

1 29. The wireless gaming device of claim 28 wherein
2 the wireless gaming device is periodically polled by the
3 receiver.

1 30. The wireless gaming device of claim 28 wherein
2 the identification code is stored in the memory in a digital
3 format.

1 31. The wireless gaming device of claim 28 wherein
2 the wireless gaming device is a hand-held device.

1 32. The wireless gaming device of claim 28 wherein
2 the entry apparatus comprises keys.

1 33. The wireless gaming device of claim 28 wherein
2 the entry apparatus comprises a smart card reader.

1 34. The wireless gaming device of claim 28 wherein
2 the wireless transmission is by radio frequency signals.

1 35. The wireless gaming device of claim 28 wherein
2 the wireless transmission is by infrared signals.